UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. L.S.T. # 22 Monday (Day) 20 (Date) December (Month), 19 43

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	08° 20 S	08° 38.9 S	08° 38.9 S
Long.	148° 17.5 E	148° 26.5 E	148° 26.5 E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400

Underway in task force proceeding from Cape Cretin, New Guinea astern of LST # 18 on base course 169° T. Average R.P.M.'s 248.9

R. S. Shepard

R. S. Shepard, Ensign, USCGR

0400-0800

Underway as before. 0455: Changed course to 110° T. 0535: Changed course to 154° T. Average R.P.M.'s 246.7

C. C. Norman

C. C. Norman, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

0800-1200

Underway as before. 0830: Inspected magazines and all smokeless powder samples; condition dry and normal. 1007: Abeam Buna 4 mile marker to starboard one half (½) mile distant. 1040: Base course changed to 155° T. 1115: Base course 245° T. 1139: Maneuvering at various speeds and on various courses to anchor in Buna Roads, New Guinea. 1158: Anchored in Buna Roads, New Guinea in twenty fathoms of water to fifty fathoms of chain by the bow anchor. Bearings Beach Marker 256° T., Strip Point Marker 215° T., Cape Endaiadere 182° T. Average R.P.M.'s 186.3

J. L. McManus

J. L. McManus, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

1200-1600

Anchored as before.

R. S. Shepard

R. S. Shepard, Ensign, USCGR

1600-2000

Anchored as before. 1935: U.S.S. A.Pc 12 delivered to us 1 generator idler gear and 1 ramp winch shaft.

C. C. Norman

C. C. Norman, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

2000-2400

Anchored as before.

E. L. Arthur

E. L. Arthur, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

Approved:

Gordon S. Reeves, Lieut. USCGR

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

E. L. Rew Lt (jg)

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. L.S.T. # 22 Tuesday (Day) 21 (Date) December (Month), 19 43

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	08° 38.9 S	08° 38.9 S	08° 47.3 S
Long.	148° 26.5 E	148° 26.5 E	148° 31 E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400

Anchored as before in Buna Roads, New Guinea in twenty (20) fathoms of water to sixty (60) fathoms of chain on bow anchor. Bearings; Beach Marker 215° T; Cape Endaiadere 182° T; Strip Point Beach Marker 215° T.

R. S. Shepard

R. S. Shepard, Ensign, USCGR

0400-0800

Anchored as before.

W. Dalpit, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

0800-1200

Anchored as before. 0815: Inspected magazines and all smokeless powder samples; condition dry and normal. 1155: DUFRENE, Nolan P. (612-667) F.3c (R) departed from this vessel for temporary duty aboard LST 456. This temporary duty to consist of caring for the L.C.V., hull registry #C11439, said L.C.V. accompanying DUFRENE, Nolan P. (612-667) F.3c (R).

J. L. McManus, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

1200-1600

Anchored as before. 1240: Preparations made for getting underway. 1320: Underway proceeding to new anchorage. 1353: Anchored in Buna Roads, New Guinea in twenty-three (23) fathoms of water to seventy-five (75) fathoms of chain on bow anchor. Bearings; Beach Marker 267° T; Cape Sudest 199° T; Oro Bay 180° T.

R. S. Shepard

R. S. Shepard, Ensign, USCGR

1600-2000

Anchored as before.

C. C. Norman, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

2000-2400

Anchored as before.

E. L. Arthur, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

Approved:

Gordon T. Hileen, Lieut. (jg)

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

E. L. Rue Lt. (jg)

Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. L.S.T. # 22 Wednesday (Day) 22 (Date) December (Month), 1943

Zone description .....

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	08° 47.3 S	08° 47.3 S	08° 45 S
Long.	148° 31 E	148° 31 E	148° 28.2 E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400

Anchored in Buna Roads, New Guinea in twenty-three (23) fathoms water to seventy-five (75) fathoms chain on the bow anchor. Bearings Cape Sudest 312°T; Oro Bay 196½°T; Cape Endaiadere 317° T.

E. L. Rew

E. L. Rew, Lieut. (jg) USCG

0400-0800

Anchored as before.

C. C. Norman

C. C. Norman, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

0800-1200

Anchored as before. 0830: Inspected magazines and all smokeless powder samples; condition dry and normal. 1136: Far shore army L.C.V.484.6 alongside with six army enlisted personnel, who came aboard for duty.

J. L. McManus

J. L. McManus, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

1200-1600

Anchored as before. 1315: Preparations to get underway. 1401: Underway proceeding to new anchorage. 1420: Secured Army L.C.V. 484.6 on port davit. 1525: Anchored off Cape Sudest in twenty-one (21) feet of water to fifteen (15) fathoms of chain on bow anchor. 1532: Underway preparing to anchor by stern anchor. 1545: Anchored in Cape Sudest in twenty-one (21) feet of water to one hundred (100) feet of cable on stern anchor. Bearings: Jetty "A" 321° T; Jetty "B" 212° T; Cape Sudest 341° T;. 1555: Opened bow doors in preparation of taking ammunition aboard.

R. S. Shepard

R. S. Shepard, Ensign, USCGR

1600-2000

Anchored as before. 1615: Commenced loading ammunition.

C. C. Norman

C. C. Norman, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

2000-2400

Anchored as before. 2025: Completed loading ammunition on main deck. 2215: *1st. Lieut. J. B. Justice, USMC, reported aboard for transportation. Night Bearings; Lights at 173° T; 228° T; and 326°T. *2215: Captain, Eldon M. Knox, 0389646, Field Artillery, Headquarters 6th Army.

J. L. McManus

J. L. McManus, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

Approved:

Gordon A. Libby, Lieut (R)

Commanding Officer

Examined:

E. L. Rew Lt (jg)

Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. L.S.T. # 22 Thursday (Day) 23 (Date) December (Month), 19 43

Zone description .....

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	08° 45 S	08° 45 S	08° 19.2 S
Long.	148° 28.2 E	148° 28.2 E	148° 17.8 E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400

Anchored in Cape Sudest in twenty-one (21) feet of water to one hundred (100) feet of cable on stern anchor. Bearings: Jetty "A" 321° T; Jetty "B" 212° T; Cape Sudest 341° T.

R. S. Shepard, Ensign, USCGR

0400-0800

Anchored as before. 0545: Commenced preparations for getting underway. 0615: Secured the engines.

C. C. Norman, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

0800-1200

Anchored as before. 0830: Inspected magazines and all smokeless powder samples; conditions dry and normal.

J. L. McManus, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

1200-1600

Anchored as before. 1435: Preparations for getting underway. 1445: KRON, Jack (607-598) Sea 2c transferred to LST 206 as per letter Commander, Group 21, LST Flotilla 7 dated 8 December, 1943, File CG-783-701. 1500: Completed taking on ordnance supplies to the extent of ninety (90) tons. 1510: Draft ten (10) feet aft and three (3) feet six (6) inches forward. 1517: Underway from anchorage proceeding at various courses and speeds preparing to form task unit proceeding to Cape Cretin, New Guinea. Average R.P.M.'s 119.0

R. S. Shepard, Ensign, USCGR

1600-2000

Underway as before. 1635: Took station one two in task unit 76.2.2. comprised of LST's 452,22, 204, 454, 456, 465. 1700: Changed course to 300°T. 1710: Changed course to 310° T. 1720: Escort vessels; 1DD, 2PC's, 1YMS. 1730: Ships right to course 040° T. 1740: Ships left to course 310° T. 1745: Changed course to 344° T. 1804: Changed course to 340° T. 1829: Margaret Shoal abeam on our port hand at a distance of one thousand (1000) yards. 1830: Changed course to 333° T. 1855: Changed course to 330° T. Average R.P.M.'s 234.3

C. C. Norman, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

2000-2400

Underway as before. 2153: Base course changed to 343° T. Average R.P.M.'s 248.3

J. L. McManus, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

Approved:

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

E. L. Rew, Lt (jg)

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. L.S.T. # 22 Friday (Day) 24 (Date) December (Month), 1943

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	06° 39.8 S	06° 39.8 S	06° 39.8 S
Long.	147° 51.7 E	147° 51.7 E	147° 51.7 E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400

Underway in task unit 72.2.2 proceeding to Cape Cretin, New Guinea on base course 343° T., our position astern of LST # 452. Average R.P.M.'s 248.8

R. S. Shepard

R. S. Shepard, Ensign, USCGR

0400-0800

Underway as before. 0430: Reduced speed to one-third. 0515: Increased speed to two thirds. 0615: Began maneuvering various courses and speeds. 0740: Beached at Cape Cretin, New Guinea, in slip number four(4) with two hundred and seventy-five (275) feet of cable to the stern anchor. Average R.P.M.'s 148.5

C. C. Norman

C. C. Norman, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

0800-1200

Beached as before. 0805: Commenced unloading cargo. 0810: Commenced loading main deck. 0815: Inspected magazines and all smokeless powder samples; condition dry and normal. 0900: Lt. J. B. Justice, USMC; Capt. D. Knox, USA, aboard for transportation, departed this vessel. 1015: Completed unloading cargo.

J. L. McManus

J. L. McManus, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

1200-1600

Beached as before. 1340: HOWORTH, Edward J. (410-81-21) PhMlc USNR, departed this unit for temporary duty aboard LST 457 by authority of letter dated 24 December, 1943 from Commander LST, Group 20, file No. P16-4 .

R. S. Shepard

R. S. Shepard, Ensign, USCGR

1600-2000

Beached as before. 1645: Two (2) Officers and nine (9) enlisted men U.S. Marine Corps came aboard for transportation.

C. C. Norman

C. C. Norman, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

2000-2400

Beached as before. 2012: Alarm sounded for general quarters due to alert. Secured from general quarters.
/2019:

E. L. Arthur

E. L. Arthur, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

Approved:

Gordon T. Keen, Lieut.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

E. L. Rew Lt. (jg)

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. L.S.T. # 22 Saturday (Day) 25 (Date) December (Month), 1943

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	06° 39.8 S	06° 39.8 S	06° 39.6 S
Long.	147° 51.7 E	147° 51.7 E	147° 53.6 E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400

Beached at Cape Cretin, New Guinea, in slip number 4, with 275 feet of cable to the stern anchor.

E. L. Rew

E. L. Rew, Lieut. (jg) USCG

0400-0800

Beached as before. 0515: Alarm sounded for general quarters. 0542: Secured from general quarters. No attack.

C. C. Norman

C. C. Norman, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

0800-1200

Beached as before. 0815: Inspected magazines and all smokeless powder samples condition dry and normal. Tested sprinkling system, found to be in good condition. 0930: Completed loading cargo, consisting of 225 tons of stores and equipment and 400 tons vehicles. 1024: One hundred twenty-nine (129) kapok life-jackets turned over to L.S.T. #454 by order of Flotilla Commander. 1030: Combat personnel consisting of three hundred and seventy-one (371) enlisted personnel USMC and twenty-one (21) Officers, twenty (20) of the USMC and one (1) Navy, for transportation.

J. L. McManus

J. L. McManus, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

1200-1600

Beached as before. 1220: Preparations to get underway. 1300: Retracted from beach, underway proceeding to anchorage. 1320: Anchored in twenty (20) fathoms of water to forty-five (45) fathoms of chain on bow anchor. Bearings Megin Island 141° T; Mussing Island 063° and Cape Cretin 053° T.

R. S. Shepard

R. S. Shepard, Ensign, USCGR

1600-2000

Anchored as before. 1700: Underway proceeding to new anchorage. 1740: Anchored in sixty-seven (67) fathoms of water to seventy-five (75) fathoms of chain on the bow anchor. Bearings.: Right tangent Megin Island 239°; Right tangent Cape Cretin 015° T; Right tangent Nussing Island 054° T. 1920: Began preparations for getting underway. 1927: Underway in task unit 76.2.2 which consists of LST's 452 (flag) 457, 22, 26, 454, 456, and 465. Escorts; Three destroyers, HMAS Reserve is in our company. 1955: Base course made 050° T. and speed of advance nine (9) knots. Average R.P.M.'s 186.7

C. C. Norman

C. C. Norman, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

2000-2400

Underway as before. Base course to 354° T. 2224: Base course to 324° T. Average R.P.M.'s 245

J. L. McManus

J. L. McManus, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

Approved:

Gordon T. Hecox Lieut (jg) USCGR

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

E. L. Rew Lt. (jg)

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. L.S.T. # 22 Sunday (Day) 26 (Date) December (Month), 1943

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	05° 22 S	05° 19.5 S	05° 20 S
Long.	147° 58 E	148° 22 E	148° 05 E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400

Underway in task unit on course 324° T; our position astern of LST 457 in open order column. 0245: Changed course to 000°T. Average R.P.M.'s 257.7

R. S. Shepard

R. S. Shepard, Ensign, USCGR

0400-0800

Underway as before. 0527: Changed course to 054° T. 0610: Changed course to 089° T. *0703: Changed course to 083° T. *0615: Went to general quarters stations. 0715: Secured from general quarters, and went in to condition III-M. 0722: Both engines ahead two thirds. 0800: Changed course to 075° T. Average R.P.M.'s 239.5

C. C. Norman

C. C. Norman, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

0800-1200

Underway as before. 0830: Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Condition dry and normal. 0900: General quarters. 0936: Secured from general quarters. 1011: Base course to 090° T. 1034: All engines ahead two-thirds. 1048: Base course changed to 105° T. 1111: Base course changed to 115°T. 1123: All engines ahead standard. 1137: All engines ahead full. Average R.P.M.'s 207.8

J. L. McManus

J. L. McManus, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

1200-1600

Underway as before. 1205: Base course to 110°T. 1215: Maneuvering at various courses and speeds conforming to channel proceeding to beach at Cape Gloucester, New Britain. 1345: Anchored by stern anchor off Cape Gloucester. 1405: Underway proceeding to beach. *1410: All hands at station for beaching. 1418: Beached in slip #3 Cape Gloucester, New Britain. 1428: Commenced unloading of cargo. 1450: Enemy planes approaching, opened fire. 1500: Ceased firing. Expended 141 rounds 20 MM, 6 rounds 40 MM, 4 rounds 3"50. 1515: Three hundred seventy-one (371) troops and twenty-three (23) officers of U.S.M.C. disembarked. Average R.P.M.'s 211.2 *1400: Delivered the army LCV 484.6 with crew of 6 army enlisted personnel to far shore

R. S. Shepard

R. S. Shepard, Ensign, USCGR

1600-2000

Beached as before. 1810: Completed unloading cargo with the exception of approximately ten (10) tons. 1824: Retracted from the beach, and began steering various courses and speeds. 1910: Secured from general quarters and went into condition III-M 1915: Base course made 275° T, speed full. 1930: Took station two two in task unit. LST 466 joined this unit. Average R.P.M.'s 262.6

C. C. Norman

C. C. Norman, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

2000-2400

Underway as before. 2116: Base course changed to 269° T. Average R.P.M.'s 260.3

J. L. McManus

J. L. McManus, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

Approved:

Gordon H. Keep, Jr. Lieut. USCGR

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

E. L. Rew Lt. (jg)

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. L.S.T. # 22 Monday (Day) 27 (Date) December (Month), 1943

Zone description .....

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	06° 37 S	07° 16 S	08° 03.5 S
Long.	148° 05 E	141° 37 E	148° 07.8 E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400

Underway as before in task unit on course 269° T. proceeding from Cape Gloucester, New Britain to Cape Sudest, New Guinea. Our position astern of LST 452 in open order column. 0000: Changed course to 229° T. 0055: Changed course to 188° T. 0100: Changed course to 180° T. 0320: Changed course to 142° T. Average R.P.M.'s 263.9

R. S. Shepard

R. S. Shepard, Ensign, USCGR

0400-0800

Underway as before. 0720: Changed course to 174° T. Average R.P.M.'s 263.2

C. C. Norman

C. C. Norman, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

0800-1200

Underway as before. 0927: Base course changed to 213° T. Average R.P.M.'s 245.5

J. L. McManus

J. L. McManus, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

1200-1600

Underway as before. 1348: Changed course to 208° T. 1430: Inspected magazines and all smokeless powders; condition dry and normal. Maximum 95 minimum 85. 1432: Changed course to 163° T. 1437: Changed course to 132° T. Average R.P.M.'s 251

R. S. Shepard

R. S. Shepard, Ensign, USCGR

1600-2000

Underway as before. 1830: Commander Flotilla Seven relieved Commander Group Twenty of Command, 1840: Changed course to 162° T. Reduced speed to two-thirds ahead. 1955: Right hand column formed astern of left hand column. Average R.P.M.'s 247.2

C. C. Norman

C. C. Norman, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

2000-2400

Underway as before. 2000: Base course not given but course altered to 148° T. 2010: All engines standard ahead. 2240: Flashing (4 second) white light sighted bearing 137° T. approximately nine (9) miles distant. 2327: Course altered to 140° T. 2340: Maneuvering off Buna Roads. 2357: All engines ahead two-thirds (2/3). 2358: All engines ahead one-third. 2400: All engines stopped. Average R.P.M.'s 246.4

J. L. McManus

J. L. McManus, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

Approved:

Commanding Officer

Examined:

E. L. Rew Lt(jg)

Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. L.S.T. # 22 Tuesday (Day) 28 (Date) December (Month), 1943

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	08° 41.4 S	08° 41.4 S	08° 41.4 S
Long.	148° 34.2 E	148° 34.2 E	148° 34.2 E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400

Underway as before proceeding to anchor off Buna Roads, New Guinea. 0004: Anchored off Buna Roads, New Guinea in twenty-one (21) fathoms of water to seventy-five (75) fathoms of chain on the bow anchor. Bearings: Light 182° T; Cluster of lights 225° T; Flashing light 325° T.

R. S. Shepard

R. S. Shepard, Ensign, USCGR

0400-0800

Anchored as before. 0415: Commenced preparations for getting underway. 0502: Underway in single column formation in company with LST's 466, 452, 26, 457, 454, 465 and 456. 0615: Anchored off Cape Sudest, New Guinea, in twenty-five (25) fathoms of water, to seventy-five (75) fathoms of chain on the bow anchor. Bearings: Cape Sudest 243° T; Oro Bay 202° T; Cape Endaiadire 274° T.

C. C. Norman

C. C. Norman, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

0800-1200

Anchored as before. 0815: Inspected magazines and all smokeless powder samples; condition dry and normal.

J. L. McManus

J. L. McManus, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

1200-1600

Anchored as before.

R. S. Shepard

R. S. Shepard, Ensign, USCGR

1600-2000

Anchored as before. 1835: Our L.C.V. which had been temporarily stationed at Buna, New Guinea, returned to the ship, in charge of Dufrene, Nolan P. (612-667) F.3c.

C. C. Norman

C. C. Norman, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

2000-2400

Anchored as before.

E. L. Arthur

E. L. Arthur, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

Approved:

Gordon T. Reay, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

Commanding Officer

Examined:

E. L. Rew Lt (jg)

Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. L.S.T. # 22 Wednesday (Day) 29 (Date) December (Month), 1943

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	08° 41.5 S	08° 45.6 S	09° 03 S
Long.	148° 34.2 E	148° 28.6 E	148° 22 E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400

Anchored off Cape Sudest, New Guinea in twenty-five (25.) fathoms of water to seventy-five (75) fathoms chain on the bow anchor, on the following bearings: Cape Sudest 243° T; Oro Bay 202° T; Cape Endaiadere 274° T.

E. L. Rew

E. L. Rew, Lieut. (jg) USCG

0400-0800

Anchored as before.

C. C. Norman

C. C. Norman, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

0800-1200

Anchored as before. 0820: Inspected magazines and all smokeless powder samples; condition dry and normal. 0832: Commenced preparations for getting underway. 0833: LST 454 returned 129 life-jackets. 0855: Underway, preceeding to anchorage south of jetty "Baker", Cape Sudest. 1000: Anchored south of "B" jetty; Cape Sudest, New Guinea; in 5 fathoms of water to 15 fathoms of chain by the bow anchor bearings; Cape Sudest 328° T; Beach marker 225° T; Garbage jetty 188.5° T. 1122: Commenced unloading cargo.

J. L. McManus

J. L. McManus, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

1200-1600

Anchored as before. 1330: Preparations for getting underway. 1340: Completed unloading cargo. 1352: Underway in task force proceeding to Goodenough Island. 1512: Formed open order column. 1540: Took position astern of LST 454. Task force composition: #452, 466, 170, 454, 22, 456, Average R.P.M.'s 269.8

R. S. Shepard

R. S. Shepard, Ensign, USCGR

1600-2000

Underway as before. 1744: Changed course to 090° T. 1825: Changed course to 088° T. 1840: Changed course to 090° T. 1910: Section two formed astern of section one. 1930: Changed course to 124° T. 1955: Changed course to 173° T. Average R.P.M.'s 247.2

C. C. Norman

C. C. Norman, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

2000-2400

Underway as before. 2018: Sighted Ham Reef light buoy bearing 144° T 3 miles distant. 2035: Base couse 128° T. Tufi Range bearing 308° T. Average R.P.M.'s 250.4

J. L. McManus

J. L. McManus, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

Approved:

Gordon H. Reese, Lieut (R)

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

E. L. Rew Lt (jg)

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. L.S.T. # 22 Thursday (Day) 30 (Date) December (Month), 19 43

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	09° 23 S	09° 22.3 S	09° 22.5 S
Long.	150° 23 E	150° 21.7 E	150° 21.7 E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400

Underway in task force proceeding to Goodenough Island on base course 128° T, our position astern of LST 454. 0207: Changed course to 091° T. Average R.P.M.'s 207.8

R. S. Shepard

R. S. Shepard, Ensign, USCGR

0400-0800

Underway as before. 0430: Changed course to 020° T. 0515: Changed course to 005° T. 0540: LST 452 run aground, and we lay to, awaiting instructions. 0645: Formed single column in following order; LST's 454, 22 and 170 and proceeded towards our destination. Average R.P.M.'s 165.7

C. C. Norman

C. C. Norman, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

0800-1200

Underway as before. 0802: Base course changed 307° T. 0803: Base course to 312° T. 0805: Proceeding independently on signal from LST 454. 0806: Manuevering to beach. 0815: Inspected magazines and all smokeless powder samples, condition dry and normal. 0850: Let go stern anchor. 0851: Beached slip #7, Goodenough Island. 0948: Secured main engines. 0955: Commenced loading cargo. 1010: Commenced preparations to get underway, on order from Captain Scruggs; in order to stand by the LST 452 which was aground. 1027: Retracted from beach. 1045: Order countermanded proceed to re-beach. 1051: Let go atern anchor. 1055: Beached in slip #7 Goodenough Island. 1122: Commenced loading cargo. Average R.P.M.'s 124.8

J. L. McManus

J. L. McManus, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

1200-1600

Beached as before.

R. S. Shepard

R. S. Shepard, Ensign, USCGR

1600-2000

Beached as before. 1800: Seventeen (17) officers and three hundred and eight (380) enlisted personnel of U.S. Army reported aboard for transportation.

C. C. Norman

C. C. Norman, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

2000-2400

Beached as before.

J. L. McManus

J. L. McManus, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

Approved:

Gordon T. Hidecker Lieut (R)

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

E. L. Rew Lt (jg)

Navigator.

	1200	2000
S	09° 31.5 S	08° 55.4 S
E	149° 55.5 E	148° 55.7 E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

li Beli, Goodenough Island, in slip # 7 to 400 feet of cable or. 0325: Completed loading cargo consisting of, 125 vehicles support); 125 tons of ammunition, supplies and equipment.

E. L. Rew

E. L. Rew, Lieut. (jg) USCG

ached as before. 0650: Commenced preparations for getting underway. 0720: ged bow doors while attempting to retract, extent of which, is not known present. 0735: Retracted. 0752: Entered Moresby Strait.

C. C. Norman

C. C. Norman, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

0800-1200

Underway as before. 0815: Inspected magazines and all smokeless powder samples; conditions dry and normal. 0831: Port Bow door found to be damaged upon retraction from beach; screw, key and rack was the extent of damage. Door closed manually. 0831: Full speed; course 178° T. 0850: Bow doors dogged and secured. 0850: Flank speed ahead. 0917: Manuevering on various courses to resume position in task unit. Courses; 262°T; 275° T; at 1050: 1053: 275° T; 1100: 285° T. 1105: 295°T. 1118: 300°T. 1136: Assumed task unit course of 307°T. Average R.P.M.'s 281.3

J. L. McManus

J. L. McManus, Lieut. (jg) USCGR

1200-1600

Underway as before. 1450: Changed course to 300° T. 1457: Changed course to 2800 T. 1512: Formed single column open order formation. 1525: Changed course to 308° T. Average R.P.M.'s 257.3

R. S. Shepard

R. S. Shepard, Ensign, USCGR

1600-2000

Underway as before. 1630: Changed course 350° T. 1710: Changed course to 301° T. 1742: Changed course to 275°T. 1930: Changed course to 307° T. Average R.P.M.'s 256.8

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2000-2400

Underway as before. 2215: Both engines ahead 2/3. 2215: Both engines ahead 1/3. 2216: All engines stopped laying to off Cape Sudest to receive mail from A.P.O. 17. 2250: 2250: Mail delivered by small boat. 2252: All engines ahead 1/3.2253: All engines ahead 2/3. 2255: All engines ahead standard Base course 307° T. Average R.P.M.'s 216.3

J. L. McManus

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Approved:

Gordon F. Leech, Lieut (R)

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

E. L. Rew Lt. (jg)

Navigator.